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Dear Sir:

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Peter Paras for the courtesy of a telephone call in early November, alerting them to the possibility of allowable subject matter, and the opportunity to call back and November 6, 2003 and discuss possible allowable subject matter. A summary of the November 6, 2003 telephone interview is attached herewith as Appendix B. No agreement was reached in the telephone interview of November 6, 2003.

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